



Fundraiser more than just a stroll for family

ANY family that sets out to walk from Ipswich to the Gold Coast is not afraid of a challenge.

But when one of them has no legs the goal becomes all the more extraordinary.

John Coutis, who was born with severe disabilities, his wife Leanne Crofts, and their son Clayton, 10, will embark on the 120km trip in October.

The Springfield family's aim is to raise \$100,000 for three conditions close to their heart - amputees, hydrocephalus and fibromyalgia.

John, 34, an athlete and motivational speaker, knows what it is like to live life without two limbs. Leanne's mother suffers from fibromyalgia, a condition characterised by chronic fatigue and muscle pain. Clayton was born with hydrocephalus, or fluid on the brain. He has almost 2m of tubing coiled in his stomach to drain the fluid and disperse it through his body.

John is likely to wear out a few wheels during the long walk, propelling himself along on his transport of choice - a skateboard.

The trek is expected to take seven days. Phone 0418 694 429.

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